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| Art Unit | 3727 |
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Closure With Gas-Barrier Liner And Package Incorporating Same

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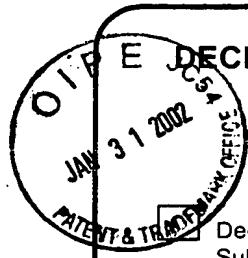
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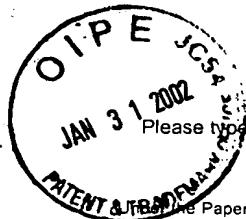
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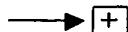
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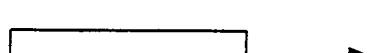
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